

NAVY EXPERTS SAIL TO STUDY PROBLEMS

Daniels and Party Depart from New York—Type of Ships to Be Given Consideration.

PEACE CONGRESS TO DECIDE

Expansion of Fleets Raises Point of Money and Effectiveness—To Fly Over Atlantic, Says Secretary.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Secretary Daniels, of the navy, and a party of navy experts sailed from here for France today on the giant trans-Atlantic to study naval and aviation problems. They will visit Great Britain and Italy and also will be absent until about May 1. The secretary was accompanied by Mrs. Daniels.

"We are going to Europe to study the naval and aviation problems which have been brought about or made possible by the war," said Mr. Daniels before sailing. "We are paying particular attention to types of capital ships and aviation. You know we are going to fly across the ocean some of these days, but I am not giving the date. No doubt Congress will be asked for money to develop the aviation ambition of the United States."

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Important conclusions are expected to grow out of the forthcoming conference between Secretary Daniels and his allies in the European admiralty of nations. The secretary sailed today accompanied by his three chief technical advisers.

While the main object of the trip of the American officials is to gather information upon which the navy department can base a report to Congress relative to the proposal to substitute gigantic composite cruiser-torpedoes for present day capital war vessels, the fact that such a program would render all existing fleets obsolete and that its cost would be enormous, ensure, in the view of many officials, that the project will be taken up at the peace conference.

Pending the return of the secretary and more complete intra-service discussion, naval officials generally are inclined to defer judgment. They take the view that even in its narrowest and strictly American aspect, the proposal raises questions of such a far-reaching nature that individual opinions should have no weight. Only the consensus of the seasoned and trained judgment of the service, they argue, should be considered by Congress when the department's report is presented.

In the view here, even the American 35-knot battle cruiser project now held in abeyance on the greater question of composite ships has its elements that make it more than a purely national matter under present conditions. Officers say that if competitive naval building is to continue, other powers must provide similar ships as not even Great Britain has built or is building craft of equal efficiency in their own peculiar sphere.

In progress toward the construction of the gigantic battle cruisers, six of which already have been authorized, has been watched with some concern by British naval authorities since it has appeared likely that they would necessitate additions to the British naval budget. There is little doubt among most officials here that the British would welcome an international understanding at Paris which would eliminate that source of expenditure.

The standard fighting ship of today is the super dreadnaught in the American and British navies, a vessel with a speed of approximately 23 knots, an armament of 12 16-inch guns, an armor belt varying from 12 to 18 inches in thickness and a displacement of about 35,000 tons.

Such a ship costs about \$20,000,000. The United States has 10 of them under construction or authorized, and the naval appropriation bill, which failed in the final hours of the last congress, authorized \$10 more for the next three years.

LEAGUE GOES IN FINAL TREATY

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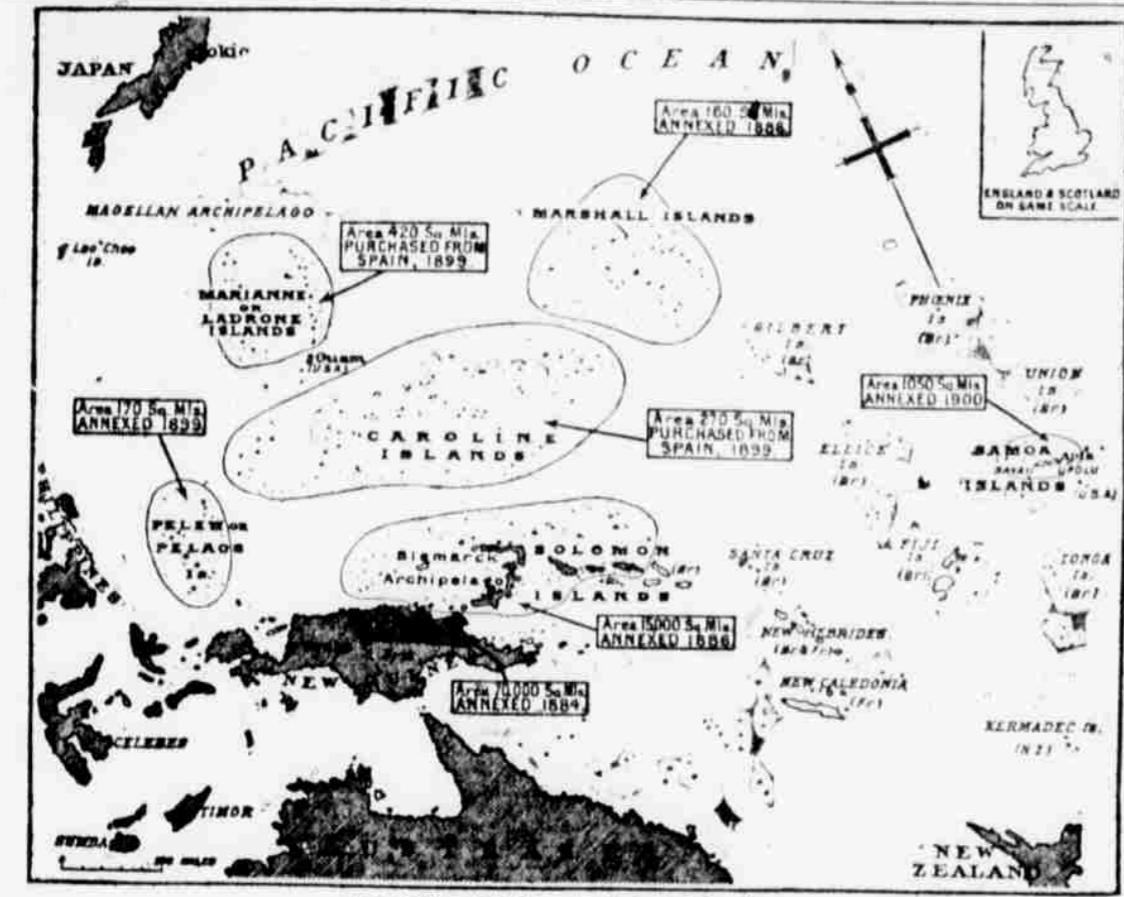
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Why Uncle Sam Must Watch His Step



Germany's Holdings in the Pacific Ocean.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Of supreme importance to the United States is the contention of Japan that she should control the Caroline Islands and others in the same group that formerly belonged to Germany and are now the subject of much discussion in the Paris peace conference.

It is probable that a league of nations will be formed and that an international naval force will be one of the provisions, but interested countries on the Pacific seem to feel that the world should not be made safe for themselves first; therefore Japan, which is advancing new reasons why she should have all the South Sea Islands lying north of the equator, Australia is just as determined to control those to the south and the United States is literally "standing by."

The South sea islands are made up of several groups known as the

FREELING TREATED HARSHLY BY SENATE ON APPOINTMENT

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 15.—The Senate took a hard rap at Attorney-General Freedling when it deprived the attorney general's office of the right to appoint the attorneys for the state banking board and the school land commission.

This action was taken when the omnibus salary bill came up for consideration. Senator Johnson, of Okmulgee county, pointed out there were over 1,000 abstracts awaiting examination and that a score of foreclosed were pirophoned because there was no one to attend to them. Ruling was on the floor during the debate. Senator George Braughton, the physical giant of the senate, pointing his finger at Freedling, declared the attorney general's presence on the floor of the senate was "become obnoxious to every man in Oklahoma." Freedling is said to have been bitterly opposed to any change.

Senator J. T. McIntosh, of Durant, came to Freedling's assistance and declared the omnibus bill is a "monstrous" bill. Senators Briggs and Sherman, republicans, voted against the bill. The democrats who voted against it are Fleming, McIntosh, Snyder, Thomas and Harrison. The bill was killed by a vote of 24 to 7.

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TRY TO SMOKE CLARK OUT ON LEAGUE VIEW

Democrats in Opposition to Retiring Speaker, Demand He Express Himself; Denies Refutation.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Champ Clark was asked to declare his position on the league of nations in a telegram sent to him at New Orleans by Representative Mays of Utah, who repeated his assertion that the former speaker had said in his presence that the league constitution "has as much chance of being ratified as you have of being pope of Rome."

Mr. Clark had publicly denied making such a statement.

Mr. Mays' message, which was

met with opposition in the organization of democratic members of the house, who oppose the selection of Mr. Clark as minority leader in the next congress, said the former speaker's reference to the league was made in the day Senator Reed of Missouri spoke against it in the senate, and that Mr. Reed had declared that Mr. Clark's argument "was unanswerable."

All other prominent public men have announced their position on

this vital public question," said Mr. Mays. "Even Bryan from a sick bed declared the covenant of peace to be the greatest forward step in a thousand years, suggesting minor amendments. May we ask what are your suggestions?" We desire you to come out in the open, like other public men assuming to lead in official position. We remember you did not vote for the war resolution and that you spoke and voted against the Selective Draft urged by the press.

We consider your attitude throughout the period of the war, leading out of sympathy with the administration and the majority of your democratic colleagues. Do you now propose to act in harmony with the majority view, or to compel the majority to act in accordance with your views?" Are you with Lodge, Penrose, Berard and Reed, or are you with the president and for the league of nations?

Alleged Murderer Surrenders.

PARIS, March 15.—A man named Bernard, for whom the police have been looking in connection with the death of Miguel Almetyev, editor of the Bonnet Rouge, who died mysteriously in a Paris prison in the summer of 1917, while a prisoner charged with murder, surrendered himself today. He was sent to the Sante jail.

ROBERTSON DISAPPROVES BILL ON JUSTICE APPEALS

World's Capital Bureau

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 15.—Governor Robertson has sent back to the house of representatives the bill which would prohibit the taking of appeal from the decision of the peace court in civil cases, the voting amount of \$100 or under. This is the first time that the governor has returned a measure without his approval.

Under the provisions of the bill, as it stands, justices of the peace would be given too much arbitrary power and declared that the bill was a step in taking away the rights of the people by abrogating the right of appeal.

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CLEMENCY BOARD REVIEWS CASES OF NEGRO SOLDIERS

TOPEKA, Kan., March 15.—Cases of negro soldiers now serving prison terms following conviction in connection with participation in the riots at Houston, Texas, will be reviewed by the clemency board in the judge advocate general's office, according to a telegram from Judge Advocate General Dan Anthony, which was made public here tonight. Habeas corpus proceedings designed to secure the release of the men, if valid, are now pending. Sixty men are in prison.

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Time was—before the war—when a whole season could go by and a woolen house would still have in its "left overs" trousers patterns with which to supply the demand for extra trousers, but not so today.

The market keeps bought up too closely. I miss more pant sales because of being unable to get goods in suits made "last spring" than for any other reason.

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